

# Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee

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Meeting Date: March 11, 2002

Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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## Agenda

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Katherine Rodriguez, the Programs Manager for the Family Solutions Collaborative, was introduced as new participant to the TAY Collaborative Committee.

### 2. TAY Housing in Orange County Power Point – Justina Baldwin, Orangewood Foundation

- a. Justina Baldwin introduced this presentation as being part of a macro-research project related to TAY housing in Orange County.
- b. The following key findings from this research were:
  - i. It is more expensive to operate under a housing first model, but it is more successful.
  - ii. TAY expressed that advocacy and education on TAY- issues are most helpful to them.
  - iii. Surveyed TAY felt that “those in charge [do not] know what they need”.
- c. Based on the key findings, the following recommendations were presented:
  - i. Service Providers should utilize new technologies to share and educate TAY on the available housing resources in ways that TAY can easily access.
  - ii. Need to spread more information about TAY resources.

### 3. 2022 Point in Time (PIT) Count Update – Polly Williams, Covenant House California

- a. Prior to the 2022 PIT, Orangewood hosted two focus groups, one held in partnership with StandUp for Kids and another with Orangewood Foundation. A total 15 of youth participated in the focus groups.
- b. The participants reviewed the proposed 2022 PIT survey questions and provided feedback.
- c. Covenant House California utilized this time to also recruit Youth Guides for the PIT.
- d. There was a total of 30 surveys that were collected as part of the “Come and Be Counted” events; however, about half did not meet the “homeless” definition under the HUD guidelines for the PIT.
- e. Polly Williams shared the following lessons learned:
  - i. There will need to be bigger community involvement in the future to ensure a robust count of TAY is completed.
  - ii. Need to review of the methodology and survey design to better capture information pertaining to TAY as the HUD definition is too restrictive and does not reflect the TAY experience of homelessness and/or at-risk of homelessness.
- f. Questions and Answers
  - i. Which colleges were the most helpful with the process?

1. There were several colleges that were contacted and engaged; however, there were some challenges with COVID-19 restrictions impacting their participation. Covenant House California will share the list of colleges that assisted in the process.
- ii. Was there a common barrier that TAY experienced that prevented them from being counted?
  1. There was a lot of youth that were not covered under the HUD's homeless definition, due to this there was a push for some consideration to change the methodology that would expand the scope of the TAY count.
  2. There were some youths that were unable to come in person to the event, due to this they were unable to get surveyed since it needed to be completed in person. There was interest in having this survey be available virtually or by phone if possible.
  3. Lastly, there was mention that there were time constraints for some youth that did not allow for them to attend the event as scheduled.

#### **4. Data Overview**

#### **5. Youth Action Board**

- a. The Office of Care Coordination drafted a job description for the committee to review.
- b. Email [mvargas@ochca.com](mailto:mvargas@ochca.com) to provide feedback.

#### **6. 100 Day Challenge Lessons Learned**

- a. The Office of Care Coordination encouraged participants to the infographic prior to the next meeting.

#### **7. Conclusion**

- a. Becks Heyhoe announced that she will be stepping down as the TAY Committee Chair and will be acting as the chair of the Policy, Procedures and Standards Committee.
- b. The CoC Board will elect a new chair for this committee during the March 2022 meeting

#### **8. Next Meeting: May 1, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**